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— Group Art Unit: 2851

Appln. No. : 09/955,098

Examiner: Arthur A. SMITH

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For : ZOOM FLASH AND FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY SYSTEM

SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of the present Request for Continuing Examination,
Applicants submit the herein contained claims for consideration.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- iv. ☐ Request for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

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- b. ☐ Other _____

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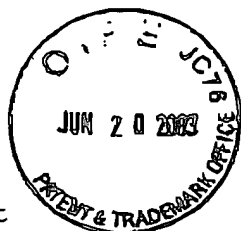
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